Dear Js, 9/6/72

Add cove age Munich assassinations:The CIA mind.

It is really to make a note on the second subject that I write this.

Our normal schedule at breakfast is for me to take in the 10 minutes of news at the beginning of the second half of NBC's Today Show and then walk until 9. Newman replaced McGee as host, with Barbara Walters and without the former baseball baldie, Gariagola. It was a good feeling to hear a newsman identify the movement of the hird that was getting its greatest attention in 9 years. At the end of the news, they said they had a former CIA expert in security who had just returned from the mid-East and had learned that something like this was planned. Naturally, that I wanted to hear. I suppose this happened so fast that said "expert" could not be explored in advance of airing. I'm particularly glad it was Newman, the guy who was not afraid to tackle the militarist promoting, fascims-spounting famous comedian whose name escapes me when he was propagandizing and bad-mouthing once on this show (or, I think he is better than most TV newsmen in every way).

So, on comes Miles Copeland.

First, before I forget, and in case you were then out of the country. Avery Brundage is a pro-Nazi of Hitler Nazi days. He has run the Olpymics politically, then and since. In his tactful sadness this morning he made a non-political funeral aration. It came out this way: that the Olympics, not the dead, is the victim. And of raw political blackmail-but that twice. "We lost the Rhodesia battle to raw political blackmail".

Newman, with more delicacy, repeated what CBS had aired by radio only, the official lies, to which he added the comment many people are wondering (same thing later in show in sattelite b'cast from Jerusalem).

So, with the build-up of knowing in advance, here comes Mr. CIA--security expert. What is now his business. He is not now CIA. And that is the area of his expertise, mid-East .It turns out that it was not quite the way introduced, he didn't really learn in advance. They all had trouble with one word of which none could think (I suspect Newman would have gagged if he'd used it). He was at this meeting in Lebanon

Break:I've tuned in all-news radio having heard nothing except unich this a.m. The latest and perhaps inaccurate report is that British, Dutch and Israeli intelligence all warned Bonn, that 30 were put under surveillance as a result, but that Bonn, which pretends neutrality in mid-east, feared alienating Arabs. This may bear on the still unbelievable stupidity of those lies, political and diplokatic mebarrassment.

Lebanon meeting to do with hi-jackings. All these experts pondered what would be done next in hijacking. They decided it would have to do with some major event (no mention of Olympics) because that would attract more attention and attention was desired result.

When pushed on how this became a- Walters finally called pretended analysis "prediction" and "forecast", Copeland stood his ground manfully, as befits CIA training. But he switched a big and Newman did sputter. You have to know these people and their objectives and thinking, says Copeland. Once upon a time it was easy because there was a direct chain of command to Moscow, and nobody did what Moscow didn't order, so knowing Moscow, one could know what would happen! Now it was different with Mao and Maosists. They get it by what came out as a combination of emotion and instinct, from Mao. Nobody issues the orders any more. But those who get them get them as a feeling. And their real objective had nothing to do with Israel or Jews, it was really just another step in the world revolution Mao diminates in this way. That is what this assassination was all about, another step inthe coming Maoist world revolution (by ESP). When Newman couldn't stand any more of this he asked of Copeland as a self-represented expert on security what about German security. Well, it turned out that here Copeland had inside knowledge he couldn't go into, but it is his secret and certain knowledge that security was really fine. "Then how did it happen?", Well, it turns out there is no such thing as perfect security, that the "three of us could go out right now and hijack an airplane and nobody could stop us". Great promo, of not for the security business, then for hijacking, anyway.

It has been many years since I read Mao. It is my impression that he was in this writing opposed to terrorism as such, that he whole approach was to convert the enemy or reform their thinking. But this is what comes out of the CIA today (and goes into such places as The Watergate). Neman brought the whole think to an end by asking how the world revolution would come to pass with assassinations and hijackings against Israel only and the answer to that is this gets attention.

This is the kind of "thinking" I saw in tousands of pages of captured German documennts that passed through my hands when I was in OSS and, of course, ended up with millions more at the successor CIA. The inference of indebtness to German intelligence in not easily avoided in this sample and countless other recent cases. I think the influence on policy is quite visible.

My own instant analysis is that the simplest kind of analysis had to at least suggest that something like this was inevitable. I had just assumed that there were special but unobtrusive precautions. The Germans have been fairly expert at this through their various regimes. But when such things as an insensitive mailman wandering through the housing area at 4 a.m. was reported, the whole thing became particularly incredible. Any security would first of all have precluded any such thing but if it didn't, would have all mailmen alerted, if not equipped with walkie-talkies.

On that great security of which Copeland had inside knowledge, there was startling confirmation on late news last night. And interview with Spitz, the American Jew how had set a new Olympic record and was immediately considered to be a prime Arab taget. It seems that for hours after this was broadcast, for hours after the beginning of the assassinations, there was no security on him. He just wandered around as he pleased. Until quite late, when he was suddenly flown to London for his own safety.

My feeling is that as I regard these terrorists as something other than what they have been called by everyone, not just Copeland, that they are not "revolutionaries", ever "guerrillas", so the same can be said of their Jewish counterparts. I regard both as closer to fascists. The Jewish Defense League in particular. Now their activitists are youths and the victims here are youths and the symbolism, esp. Germany, is a bit too much for extremist Jewish passion. So, if there is no official Israeli retaliation (and I believe after the last two murders there was none), there may well be unofficial. I think it may this time focus on Arab officialdom, quite likely in the US. Aside from the obvious, there is what I could conceive as special inspiration: the one Arab official I saw on TV only pretended regret, actually sought to justify it. Then Sadat was unavailable to Willy Brandt. And then no single Arab diplomat was available, as NBC put it this a.m., in any city in the US. They mentioned a long list of large ones, inc. DC, NY,Chi. I think the extremists will misinterpret this and take it as complicity. Besides, at this point I think the feeling that the only means of curbing such pointless violence is for the Arab countries to do something, that without sanctuary such things are not possible. The hangups there are obvious, but that is not the way the Jewish extremists will think.